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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1937

Introduced by Assembly Member Correa

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Knox, and Pescetti)

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An act to amend Section 21328 of, and to add Sections 31664.1, 31664.2, and 31681.55 to, the Government Code, relating to retirement.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1937, as amended, Correa. Retirement: benefits.

Under the Public Employees' Retirement Law, retirement allowances being paid on account of retired or deceased state and school members were increased, effective January 1, 2000, by up to 6%, as specified.

This bill would authorize contracting agencies of the Public Employees' Retirement System to likewise increase retirement allowances being paid on account of their retired or deceased members.

Under the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937, service retirement allowances for safety members are based on a 2% at age 50 formula and allowances for other members are based on other specified formulae.

This bill would authorize counties or districts, subject to approval by the county board of supervisors, to (1) provide

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service retirement allowances for safety members based on a 3% at age 50 formula or 3% at age 55 formula, and (2) increase allowances being paid on account of retired or deceased members by up to 6%, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 21328 of the Government Code 1 is amended to read:

21328. (a) In addition to the increase in allowance authorized and granted pursuant to Section 21313, and notwithstanding the limitation on that increase imposed by this article and subdivision (b) of Section 21337, effective January 1, 2000, or the date this section becomes the contracting applicable to agency, allowance paid with respect to a state, local, or school 10 member who retired or died prior to January 1, 2000, or date this section becomes applicable 12 contracting agency, other than an allowance provided by 13 Article 3 (commencing with Section 21570) of Chapter 14 14, shall be increased by the percentage set forth opposite the year of retirement or death in the following schedule:

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17	Period during which retirement	
18	or death occurred:	Percentage:
19	24 months ending Dec. 31, 1999	0.0%
20	12 months ending Dec. 31. 1997	1.0%
21	24 months ending Dec. 31, 1996	2.0%
22	60 months ending Dec. 31, 1994	3.0%
23	60 months ending Dec. 31, 1989	4.0%
24	120 months ending Dec. 31, 1984	5.0%
25	12 months ending Dec. 31, 1974	
26	or earlier	6.0%

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The percentage shall be applied to the allowance 28 payable on January 1, 2000, or the date this section becomes applicable to the contracting agency, and the allowance as so increased shall be paid for time on and -3-**AB 1937**

after that date and until the first day of April immediately following the date of application. The base allowance shall 3 the allowance as increased under this section. 4 Notwithstanding Section 21337 to the contrary, this increase shall not be included in determining the initial monthly allowance upon which a supplemental benefit is payable pursuant to Section 21337.

- (b) This section shall not apply to any contracting agency unless and until the agency elects to be subject to 10 its provisions by amendment to its contract, made in the manner prescribed for approval of contracts, or, in the 12 case of contracts made after the effective date of this section, by an express provision in the contract making 14 the contracting agency subject to the provisions of this section.
- 16 SEC. 2. Section 31664.1 is added to the Government 17 Code, to read:

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- 31664.1. (a) This section may be made applicable in 19 any county subject to the provisions of Section 31676.1 or 31695.1 on the first day of the month after the board of supervisors of the county adopts, by majority vote, a resolution providing that this section shall become applicable in the county.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this 25 chapter, the current service pension or the current service pension combined with the prior service pension 27 is an additional pension for safety members purchased by 28 the contributions of the county or district sufficient when added to the service retirement annuity to equal 3 30 percent of the member's final compensation at the age of 31 50 years, multiplied by the number of years of current 32 service or years of current and prior service with which the member is entitled to be credited at retirement, but 34 in no event shall the total retirement allowance exceed 35 the limitation of the safety member's final compensation 36 as set forth in Section 31676.1, as it now reads or may hereafter be amended to read.
- (c) The fraction herein set forth shall be used until 38 adjusted by each board for its retirement system in

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accordance with the interest mortality and tables adopted by each board.

- shall be made (d) Contributions not by safety members having credit for 30 years of continuous service.
- SEC. 3. Section 31664.2 is added to the Government Code, to read:
- 31664.2. (a) This section may be made applicable in any county subject to the provisions of Section 31676.1 or 31695.1 on the first day of the month after the board of 10 supervisors of the county adopts, by majority vote, a resolution providing that this section shall become applicable in the county.
- other provisions (b) Notwithstanding any of this 14 chapter, the current service pension or the current 15 service pension combined with the prior service pension 16 is an additional pension for safety members purchased by the contributions of the county or district sufficient when added to the service retirement annuity to equal the fraction of 3 percent of the member's final compensation set forth opposite his or her age at retirement taken to the preceding completed quarter year, in the following table, multiplied by the number of years of current service or years of current and prior service with which the member 24 is entitled to be credited at retirement, but in no event 25 shall the total retirement allowance exceed the limitation of the safety member's final compensation as set forth in Section 31676.1, as it now reads or may hereafter be amended to read:

30	Age at Retirement	Fraction
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32	50	.800
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35	50 3/4	.830
36	51	.840
37	51 1/4	.850
38	51 1/2	.860
39	51 ³ / ₄	.870
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1	52 1/4	.890
2	52 1/2	.900
3	52 ³ / ₄	.910
4	53	.920
5	53 1/4	.930
6	53 1/2	.940
7	53 ³ / ₄	.950
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9	54 1/4	.970
10	54 1/2	.980
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- (c) The fractions herein set forth shall be used until adjusted by each board for its retirement system in accordance with the interest mortality and tables adopted by each board.
- (d) Contributions shall not be made members having credit for 30 years of continuous service.
- SEC. 4. Section 31681.55 is added to the Government 21 Code, to read:

31681.55. (a) Effective January 1, 2001, the monthly 23 allowance paid with respect to any member of this system 24 who retired or died prior to January 1, 2001, shall be 25 increased by the percentage set forth opposite the year 26 of retirement or death in the following schedule:

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33	24 months ending Dec. 31, 1997	2.0%
34	60 months ending Dec. 31, 1995	3.0%
35	60 months ending Dec. 31, 1990	4.0%
36	120 months ending Dec. 31, 1985	5.0%
37	12 months ending Dec. 31, 1975	
38	or earlier	6.0%

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The percentage shall be applied to the allowance payable on January 1, 2001, and the allowance as so increased shall be paid for time on and after that date and until the first day of April immediately following the date of application. The base allowance shall be the allowance as increased under this section.

7 (b) This section shall not be operative in any county 8 until such time as the board of supervisors shall, by 9 resolution adopted by majority vote, make the provisions 10 of this section applicable in that county.